

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE ON "EHRH. PLANTAG."

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EHRHART IN HIS PAPER "Bestimmung einiger Bäume und Sträucher" published in his *Beiträge zur Naturkunde*, 6: 85-103 (1791) mentions in the synonymy a number of new names with the citation "Ehrh. plantag." So far no one seems to have found out to which publication this citation refers; if cited at all, it is cited as Ehrh. plantag. ex Ehrh. Beitr., as it is in *Index kewensis*. After a diligent search in contemporaneous literature, I came to the conclusion that Ehrhart's citation could not refer to any other publication than an anonymous list of trees and shrubs issued in 1787 under the title: *Verzeichniss der Bäume und Sträucher welche sich auf der Königl. Plantage zu Herrenhausen bei Hannover befinden*. 0.30 pp. [Hannover ?] 1787.

Since I was unable to locate this work in any American library, I wrote to Dr. L. Diels, Director of the Berlin Botanical Garden and Museum, who found it in the Staatsbibliothek in Berlin and kindly sent me a photostatic copy of it.

As Ehrhart cites it in his *Beiträge* as his own publication with the rather mystifying abbreviation "plantag." evidently taken from the word "Plantage" in the title, and as the numerous new names have their author cited as "E.," it is evident that Ehrhart is to be considered the author of this pamphlet.

The publication consists of a bare list of names with their authors, but without any descriptions, synonyms or notes. The new names and combinations bear only the author citation "E." and are all *nomina nuda*; there are about 210 such names. The names cited in *Beiträge* are found on the page indicated, and besides these, there are many more, particularly garden forms under *Amygdalus*, *Prunus* and *Pyrus*, all with the author citation "E." Since in the new combinations neither the synonym nor the original author is given they must technically be considered *nomina nuda*, even if there can be no doubt of the species which the combination represents, as in *Pyrus aucuparia* E. or *P. arbutifolia nigra* E.

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